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ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IN LA PAZ PRESS OF APRIL 28 DATE LINED
BRASILIA, APRIL 27, BRASILIAN AND BOLIVIAN REPRESENTATIVES WILL
BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IN LA PAZ ON MAY 13 ON VIABILITY OF GAS PIPELINE
2,100 KILOMETERS IN LENGTH FROM CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA TO
STATE OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL AT APPROXIMATE COST OF US\$ 100,000,000.
MAIN PIPELINE LENGTH OF 1,700 KILOMETERS WOULD BEGIN TO BE BUILT
IN 1973 FROM CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, BOLIVIA TO INDUSTRIAL BRAZILIAN
AREA WITHIN TRIANGLE FORMED BY CITIES OF BELO HORIZONTE, SAO PAULO,
AND RIO DE JANEIRO AND WOULD CARRY 6 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF GAS
PER DAY TO BOLIVIA- BRAZIL BORDER AREA AND BEYOND. TWO MILLION
CUBIC METERS PER DAY WOULD BE USED FOR HEMATITE REDUCTION PLANT
TO BE BUILT EITHER IN CORUMBA, BRAZIL OR PUERTO SUARES, BOLIVIA.
OTHER 4 MILLION CUBIC METERS OF GAS PER DAY WOULD BE USED
FOR FERTILIZER PRODUCTION PLANT IN CITY OF ARAXA, MINAS
GERAIS, AND FOR PETROCHMEICAL PLANT IN SAO PAULO. ARTICLE
ALSO MENTIONS SAME SOURCES STATING THAT POSSIBLY A PARALLEL
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PETROLEUM PIPELINE FROM BOLIVIAN PETROLEUM FIELDS TO SAO PAULO ALSO WOULD BE BUILT. ARTICLE ENDS WITH INFORMATION THAT BRAZILIAN AND BOLIVIAN REPRESENTATIVES STUDYING TRANSPORT BY RAILROAD OF LPG FROM DEPARTMENT OF SANTA CRUZ TO WEST- CENTRAL BRAZIL.

COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR PETROLEUM PIPELINE PROJECT, ARTICLE SEEMS TO BE ACCURATE IN THAT ESSENTIALLY SAME INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY GATHERED IN LA PAZ AND REPORTED IN REFAIR. THE 4 MILLION CUBIC METERS PER DAY TO BE USED INTERNALLY BY BRAZIL WOULD BRING BOLIVIA AN ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST US\$ 15 MILLION. SIRACUSA

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